SUPERVISOR'S USE OF FORCE REPORT SH-R-438P

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 919-04013-0772-058 | Date: 12/18/19 | Time: 1850 Hours

Location: Montana Street / Summit Avenue | City or Station: Pasadena

Bureau/Station/Facility: East Patrol Division / Altadena Station | Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO

Type of Force: Personal Weapons, Team Takedown, and Control Techniques

Incident Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3 | Deputy Injury: ○ YES ◉ NO | Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO

☐ Call ☒ Observation ☐ Detail | ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: ◉YES ○ NO | Person Notified: Lt. Robert Jones | Emp: [redacted] | IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Song	James	J.	Dep.

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ○ F	O	506	165	28	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Altadena Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 71 (4th Phase Trainee)

Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons, Team Takedown | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ◉2 ○3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

E2

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Sigala	Roberto		Dep.

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ○ F	H	509	175	28	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Altadena Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 71

Individual Force Used: Team takedown, Control Holds | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ◉2 ○3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

E3

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Manriquez	Julian	R.	Dep.

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ○ F	H	504	195	45	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Altadena Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 72B

Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons, Team Takedown, Control Holds | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ◉2 ○3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

On Duty Supervisor ☒ Additional Involved Employees

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Vanderhoeven	Vincent	G.	Sgt.	YES ◉ NO ◉	YES ◉ NO ◉

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Jordan	James	T.	Sgt.	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Gutierrez	John		Sgt.

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature**: Date | Copy Provided to Employee by: | Emp #:

Captain William E. Jaeger | [signature] | [redacted] | 6/3/20

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** | Unit Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select
Lopez	Samuel	Espinoza	Not Armed

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Age	Height	Weight	D.O.B.	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ◉ C	Phone #2: ◉ H ○ W ○ C
◉ Male ○ Female	H	26	508	230	03/06/93	[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address: [redacted] City: [redacted] State & Zip Code: [redacted] [redacted]

Booking #: 5826131 Primary Charge Code: 69 P.C. Secondary Charge Code: 69 P.C. ☒ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◉ YES ○ NO Name: LACoF Capt. Ortiz Unit: 11 Phone #: (626) 797-0379

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: USC Verdugo Hillls Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Jonathan Gottlieb Address: 1812 Verdugo Bl. Glendale, CA 91208 Phone #: (818) 790-7100

Under Influence: ◉ YES ○ NO Substance: Alcohol 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ◉ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 12/18/19 Time: 2157 ☒ Audiotape: ☒ Videotape: ☒ Photos of Injuries: ☒ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
○ Male ○ Female							

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
○ Male ○ Female							

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Vanderhoeven	Vincent	NA

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Altadena Station	70S	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Lombera	Lizeth	NA

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Altadena Station	72B	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Morales	Eliezer	O.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Altadena Station	73A	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	34	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

☐ Additional Witness

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION - Continuation

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Lujan	Jeremy	W.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Altadena Station	73A	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

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Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Lopez	S#1	Dep Sigala	E#1	RS	NN	NN
Dep Sigala	E#2	Lopez	S#1	CT	NN	AR
Lopez	S#1	Dep Sigala	E#1	PH	NN	NN
Dep Song	E#1	Lopez	S#1	PH	BR	FA
Lopez	S#1	Dep Manriquez	E#3	PH	NN	NN
Dep Song	E#1	Lopez	S#1	PH	BR	FA
Dep Song	E#1	Lopez	S#1	TT	NN	CH
Dep Sigala	E#2	Lopez	S#1	TT	NN	CH
Dep Manriquez	E#3	Lopez	S#1	TT	NN	CH
Lopez	S#1	Dep Manriquez	E#3	PO	NN	HD
Dep Manriquez	E#3	Lopez	S#1	PH	BR	FA

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**Category 3 Use of Force**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**FO 2500240**
DIVISION / UNIT:	**East Patrol / Altadena Station**
URN:	**919-04013-0772-058**
DATE/TIME:	**December 18, 2019, 1850 Hours**
LOCATION:	**Montana Street / Summit Avenue, Pasadena**
SUSPECT:	**Lopez, Samuel, MH/26, DOB 03/06/93**
INVOLVED PERSONNEL:	**James Song, Deputy, #[redacted]**
	Julian Manriquez, Deputy, #[redacted]
	Roberto Sigala, Deputy, #[redacted]

SYNOPSIS

On December 18, 2019, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Robert Jones II, #[redacted], Sergeants James Jordan, #[redacted], and Robert Jones Jr., #[redacted], responded to Altadena Station regarding a Category 3 use of force investigation. The use of force resulted in an orbital wall fracture and a nasal fracture to Suspect Samuel Lopez (hereinafter referred to as Suspect Lopez). The incident was documented under URN 919-040130772-058 **[Exhibit A]**.

SUMMARY

On December 18, 2019, at approximately 1850 hours, Altadena Sheriff Station Deputies Song and Sigala were on routine patrol. They traveled westbound Montana Street, which is located approximately one block south of the Altadena Sheriff's Station patrol area in the city of Pasadena.

As they approached the intersection of Montana Street and El Sereno Avenue (Refer to map **[Exhibit B]**), Deputies Song (trainee/driver) and Sigala (training officer/bookman) saw a dark colored sedan traveling eastbound Montana Street at a high rate of speed (estimated 50 mph). The area was in residential district with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

IAB note: **Exhibit B, Street Map, #1 - Indicates location Deputies Song and Sigala first saw the suspect vehicle speeding. # 2 - indicates the intersection where suspect vehicle collided with Ms. [redacted]'s vehicle. #3 - Indicates the location where the suspect vehicle came to rest. #4 - Indicates the location where the use of force occurred.**

Deputy Song quickly made a U-turn and drove eastbound Montana Street in an attempt to conduct a traffic stop of the speeding vehicle. Approximately two blocks ahead of them, the deputies saw what appeared to be smoke emitting from a traffic collision at the intersection of Montana Street and Raymond Avenue.

Deputies Song and Sigala arrived at the intersection within seconds and saw a suspected stolen vehicle stopped facing eastbound along the north curb line. They saw a male (Suspect Lopez) walk away from the passenger side of the crashed vehicle. Suspect Lopez had blood around his nose and mouth.

Deputies Song and Sigala attempted to contact Suspect Lopez to detain him. They gave him several commands to stop and show his hands, which were inside his front sweatshirt pocket. Suspect Lopez did not comply and continued to walk eastbound Montana Street on the south sidewalk. Fearing the possible stolen vehicle suspect was attempting to flee, Deputy Song requested additional units on the duplex patch. Refer to Unit 71 radio traffic **[Exhibit C]**.

IAB Note: **The "Duplex Patch" is a Sheriff's Communication Center controlled two way frequency used in emergent and tactical situations. It allows personnel to communicate directly with other involved units.**

Unit 72B, Deputies Manriquez and Lombera, arrived at the location in seconds. When sufficient personnel arrived, Deputies Song, Sigala, Manriquez, and Lombera drove toward Suspect Lopez and exited their vehicles. They attempted to detain Suspect Lopez at gunpoint and used verbal commands, but the suspect did not comply. Suspect Lopez kept his hands in his sweatshirt pocket and responded with profane language.

Deputy Sigala approached Suspect Lopez and attempted to control his left arm with his hands. Suspect Lopez quickly rotated his torso, and pulled his left arm away from Deputy Sigala. The suspect simultaneously attempted to punch Deputy Sigala in the face with his right fist. Deputy Sigala was able to avoid the punch by stepping back.

Deputy Song saw Suspect Lopez's assaultive action and quickly closed the distance toward the suspect. Deputy Song punched Suspect Lopez in the face with his right fist. Suspect Lopez then threw a wild punch toward the deputies a second time with his right fist. Deputy Song responded with a second punch to Suspect Lopez's face. Suspect Lopez appeared briefly stunned. He stepped backward against a chain link fence and bent slightly over at the waist.

Fearing further assault from Suspect Lopez, Deputy Song grasped the suspect's right bicep and forearm. Deputy Sigala grasped Suspect Lopez's sweatshirt and Deputy Manriquez grasped the suspect's left arm. Deputies Song, Sigala, and Manriquez forced Suspect Lopez down to the concrete sidewalk. Suspect Lopez landed on the sidewalk in a prone position with his hands tucked underneath his body.

IAB Note: **Deputy Song and Deputy Sigala stated in their interviews, they did not see Suspect Lopez's face or head strike the cement sidewalk during the takedown. Deputy Manriquez stated, Suspect Lopez "Face plants in the concrete." He further described that Suspect Lopez landed on his chest with his hands and forearms tucked underneath him, but rocked forward with the takedown momentum causing him to strike his face on the cement. Suspect Lopez stated his face and head did not hit the ground during the team takedown.**

Deputy Manriquez positioned himself near Suspect Lopez's head. Deputy Sigala was on Suspect Lopez's left side and Deputy Song was on his right side.

Deputy Manriquez attempted to pull Suspect Lopez's hand out from underneath his body. Simultaneously, Suspect Lopez tried to bite Deputy Manriquez on his hand and wrist. Deputy Manriquez struck Suspect Lopez one time on the left side of his face with a right open palm. Deputy Manriquez warned Deputies Song and Sigala that Suspect Lopez attempted to bite him.

At this time, Deputies Morales and Lujan arrived at the scene. Deputies Morales and Lujan ran to assist the deputies as they struggled with Suspect Lopez. They arrived and controlled Suspect Lopez's legs with their hands and body weight. Deputy Lujan applied a Ripp hobble restraint device around Suspect Lopez's ankles without resistance.

IAB Note: **The Ripp Hobble restraint device is made of 700 LB polypropylene webbed belt with a bronze snap at one end. The other end is permanently inserted through a jawed alligator clip. It is 42 inches long and 1 inch wide.**

While Deputies Lujan and Morales controlled Suspect Lopez's legs, Deputy Song overcame Suspect Lopez's resistance and pulled his right arm out from underneath his body. Deputy Song placed Suspect Lopez's right hand behind his back and handcuffed

it. Deputy Sigala was able to overcome Suspect Lopez's resistance and pulled his left arm out from underneath his body. Deputy Sigala placed Suspect Lopez's left hand behind his back and Deputy Song handcuffed it.

Los Angeles County Fire Department treated Suspect Lopez at the scene, and later transported via ambulance to USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. Suspect Lopez was medically cleared to be booked into custody. Suspect Lopez was transported to Crescent Valley Sheriff's Station where he was booked for resisting arrest. Refer to booking package **[Exhibit D]**.

Deputy Song wrote the initial incident report and all involved deputy personnel wrote supplemental reports **[Exhibit A]**.

INVESTIGATION

On December 19, 2019, at approximately 0115 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau Lieutenant Robert Jones, #[redacted], Sergeant Robert Jones, #[redacted], and Sergeant James Jordan responded to the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station. IAB investigators photographed Suspect Lopez's injuries **[Exhibit E]**. IAB investigators reviewed all written reports authored for the use of force and interviewed Suspect Lopez.

On December 18, 2019, Watch Commander Sergeant Blansfield conducted a video-recorded interview with Suspect Lopez **[Exhibit F]**.

Sergeant Vanderhoeven provided IAB Investigators with photographs of the scene location **[Exhibit G]**. Sergeant Vanderhoeven provided IAB investigators with partial surveillance footage of the incident **[Exhibit H]**. Mr. [redacted] ([redacted]) provided the surveillance footage to Sergeant Vanderhoeven. The surveillance footage depicted the suspect's vehicle come to rest outside of Mr. [redacted]'s residence. Suspect Lopez exited the front passenger door of the vehicle and walked southbound out of view.

On January 9, 2020, IAB Investigators canvassed the area where the use of force occurred to search for surveillance footage. No additional surveillance footage was located.

On March 26, 2020, IAB investigators telephonically interviewed Suspect Lopez, a second time, after he was released from custody.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

Song, James, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
East Patrol Division / Altadena Sheriff's Station

Department Hire Date:	April 21, 2016
Date Assigned to Patrol:	[redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:	

Prior Shooting Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Sigala, Roberto, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
East Patrol Division / Altadena Sheriff's Station

Department Hire Date: May 17, 2010
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incidents:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Manriquez, Julian, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
East Patrol Division / Altadena Sheriff's Station

Department Hire Date: April 19, 2010
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incidents:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

SUSPECT

Lopez, Samuel Espinoza – MH/26, DOB 03/06/93, 5'08, 196 lbs., Booking # 5826131, CII #[redacted], MAIN # [redacted], FBI #[redacted].

[redacted]
Gang Member – Villa Boys Pasadena

A check of the Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System/Criminal Information Index (CCHRS/CII) revealed [redacted] Refer to a copy of Suspect Lopez's CCHRS/CII printout, **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

Deputies were not were injured during the incident.

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Lopez sustained an orbital wall fracture, and a nasal fracture. He also sustained a facial contusion, facial swelling, and complaint of pain to his left knee and a shoulder.

Dr. Jonathan Gottlieb, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, was listed as Suspect Lopez's emergency room physician. (Refer to Suspect Lopez's medical paperwork **[Exhibit I]**).

IAB Note: **On May 28, 2020, I contacted Dr. Gottlieb by phone. Dr. Gottlieb said that based on Suspect Lopez's injuries, he would be unable to determine how he sustained them, whether it was from a car accident, a team takedown or punches to the face. He did however say, it would be his opinion that Suspect Lopez's orbital fracture was caused by punch, because 99% of the time that is the cause. He stated the "MVA" motor vehicle accident, listed as the cause of injury, (page 4 of 19 of Suspect Lopez's medical records [Exhibit I]) was a "general term" used. His notes indicated there was an altercation with law enforcement, but Suspect Lopez was not very cooperative with hospital staff during treatment.**

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

None

WEAPONS USED SUSPECT

None

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Deputies did not cause any property damage. The vehicle Suspect Lopez was a passenger in, was involved in a traffic collision. Refer to Pasadena Police Department's Traffic Collision Report CHP 555 #19016869 **[Exhibit J]**.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION CHARGES

Investigator's Name:	Altadena Station, Detective Travis Ogle #[redacted]
Court:	Pasadena Court
Charges:	69 P.C., 69 P.C.
Court Case Number:	GA107066

Altadena Station Detective Travis Ogle completed the criminal investigation. Refer to his supplemental report **[Exhibit K]**. On December 19, 2019, a criminal complaint was filed against Suspect Lopez in the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles Northeast District, under case number GA107066. The district attorney office file (2) counts of 69 P.C. Resisting an Executive Officer **[Exhibit L]**.

On March 20, 2020, Suspect Lopez pled Nolo Contendere to Resisting an Executive Officer, 69 P.C., and Resist Delay Peace Officer 148(A)(1) P.C. The court sentenced Suspect Lopez to 185 days in county jail, 30 days community service, and placed on 3 years formal probation **[Exhibit L]**.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

This incident occurred approximately two hours after sunset. The scene was dark with dim street lighting. It was cool with partially cloudy skies.

STATEMENTS

The following are summaries of the recorded interviews of the involved employees, witnesses and suspect's statements to IAB investigators. For additional information, refer to the attached verbatim transcripts and/or audio files.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

Deputy James Song

On March 11, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Song at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 18, 2019, Deputy Song worked a two-person car with his training officer, Deputy Sigala. They worked PM shift at Altadena Sheriff's Station, as unit 71. While on routine patrol, Deputy Song (Driver) saw a vehicle traveling eastbound Montana Street at a high rate of speed.

Deputy Song made a U-turn with the intent to conduct a traffic stop on the speeding vehicle. When Deputy Song turned around, he saw smoke two blocks ahead, at the intersection of Montana Street and Raymond Avenue. Deputy Song approached the intersection and saw the vehicle that was speeding was in involved in a traffic collision. The vehicle came to rest along the north curb of Montana Street east of Raymond Avenue.

Deputy Song saw a male (Suspect Lopez) walk away from the vehicle. Suspect Lopez had blood dripping from his nose. Deputes Song, and Sigala believed Suspect Lopez disassociated himself from a stolen vehicle or from the traffic collision. Deputies Song and Sigala attempted to detain Suspect Lopez at gunpoint. Suspect Lopez did not comply with their commands to stop and show his hands. Instead, Suspect Lopez walked eastbound Montana Street on the south sidewalk away from the deputies.

IAB Note: In Deputy Song's initial report, he stated Suspect Lopez "appeared to be holding black object close to his chest trying to hide (it) from our view." During Deputy Song's interview, he never stated he saw anything in Suspect Lopez' hands. In addition, there were no articles recovered at the scene.

Deputies Manriquez and Lombera arrived within seconds to assist. The deputies drove their vehicles to the intersection of Montana Street and Summit Avenue toward Suspect Lopez. They exited their vehicles and contacted Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez had

his hands inside the front pocket of his hooded sweatshirt. Suspect Lopez did not comply with the deputies' repeated commands to stop and show his hands.

Deputy Sigala approached Suspect Lopez and grabbed his left arm. Suspect Lopez pulled his left arm away from Deputy Sigala. Suspect Lopez turned toward Deputy Sigala and swung his right fist at his (Deputy Sigala) face. Suspect Lopez's punch missed hitting Deputy Sigala. After he witnessed the assault on his training officer, Deputy Song immediately closed the distance on Suspect Lopez and punched him in the face with his right hand.

Suspect Lopez threw another wild punch at Deputy Sigala. Suspect Lopez missed hitting Deputy Sigala. Deputy Song responded by punching Suspect Lopez in the face a second time with his right fist. Suspect Lopez moved backward against a chain link fence. Suspect Lopez leaned forward and appeared temporarily stunned by Deputy Song's punches. Deputies Song, Sigala, and Manriquez took advantage of Suspect Lopez being bent over and conducted a team takedown. Suspect Lopez landed chest first on the sidewalk in a prone position, with his hands tucked underneath his body.

IAB Note: During Deputy Song's interview, he stated he never saw Suspect Lopez strike his face on the ground. However in his initial report (SH-R-49 #19-04013 Page 4, Paragraph 5, Line 5 [Exhibit A]) Deputy Song wrote Suspect Lopez "kept his hands tucked under his chest, not allowing me to get a firm grip on his right forearm causing him to fall onto his face."

When he was lying on the sidewalk, Suspect Lopez resisted the deputies' efforts to control his hands by holding them tight against his chest underneath his body. Suspect Lopez said, "Fuck you!" and continued to resist the deputies' efforts to control his hands. Deputy Song feared Suspect Lopez had a weapon in his waistband and was attempting to arm himself.

During the struggle to gain control of Suspect Lopez's hands, Deputy Song heard Deputy Manriquez say Suspect Lopez attempted to bite him.

Seconds later, Deputy Sigala overcame Suspect Lopez's resistance and pulled his left arm out from underneath his body. He placed Suspect Lopez's left arm behind his back.

Deputy Song overcame Suspect Lopez's resistance and pulled his right arm out from underneath him. Deputy Song placed the suspect's arm behind his back. Deputy Song successfully handcuffed Suspect Lopez. Once handcuffed, Suspect Lopez continued to yell, "Fuck you, fuck you!" Suspect Lopez was placed on his side with one knee bent toward his abdomen.

While searching Suspect Lopez, Deputy Song feared the suspect would spit blood at him. Deputy Song looked at Suspect Lopez's face, but he did not see any injuries. The suspect had smeared blood around his nose, which was present prior to their contact.

During the incident, Deputy Song smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from Suspect Lopez, but he did not check Suspect Lopez for symptoms of impairment.

Deputy Song reported his used force to Sergeant Vanderhoeven.

Deputy Roberto Sigala

On March 11, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Sigala at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 18, 2019, Deputy Sigala worked a two-person car with his partner, Deputy Song, who was on field training. They worked PM shift at Altadena Sheriff's Station, as unit 71. While on routine patrol, Deputy Sigala (Passenger) saw a vehicle traveling eastbound Montana Street at a high rate of speed.

Deputy Song made a U-turn with the intent to conduct a traffic stop on the speeding vehicle. When they turned around, Deputy Sigala saw a traffic collision in the distance, which appeared to be the same vehicle that sped past them.

Deputies Song and Sigala drove toward the intersection of Montana Street and Raymond Avenue. Deputy Sigala saw a male (Suspect Lopez) with blood on his face. The suspect walked away from the crashed vehicle. Deputy Sigala suspected the vehicle was stolen and attempted to detain Suspect Lopez at gunpoint. He gave Suspect Lopez verbal commands to stop walking away from him. Suspect Lopez said, "I ain't gotta do shit. I don't have a gun. I don't have a gun!" Suspect Lopez did not comply with any commands, and walked eastbound Montana Street. Deputy Song requested assistance over the duplex patch.

Within seconds of the assistance request, Unit 72B, Deputies Manriquez and Lombera, arrived at the scene. Deputies Manriquez and Lombera drove toward Suspect Lopez as he walked eastbound on the sidewalk away from Deputy Sigala. They attempted to detain Suspect Lopez at gunpoint near the intersection of Montana Street and Summit Avenue. Suspect Lopez did not comply with their commands to stop. Deputies Song and Sigala drove their patrol vehicle toward Suspect Lopez. They exited their vehicle and walked toward Suspect Lopez.

Deputies Manriquez, Lombera, Song, and Sigala positioned themselves in a semi-circle around Suspect Lopez to prevent an avenue of escape.

When Suspect Lopez ignored commands, Deputy Sigala approached and attempted to control the suspect's left arm. Suspect Lopez pulled away from Deputy Sigala's grasp

and attempted to punch him in the face with his right fist. Deputy Sigala stepped backward to avoid being struck by Suspect Lopez.

Deputies Song and Manriquez advanced toward Suspect Lopez to assist Deputy Sigala. Deputy Song punched Suspect Lopez in the face one time. Deputy Manriquez attempted to control Suspect Lopez's right arm, but he was unsuccessful. Suspect Lopez freed his arm and attempted to punch Deputy Manriquez. The punch did not make contact with Deputy Manriquez. After he witnessed the assault, Deputy Song punched Suspect Lopez in the face a second time. Deputy Sigala grabbed Suspect Lopez's sweatshirt and forced him to the ground with the help of Deputies Song and Manriquez. Suspect Lopez landed "face down" with his arms underneath his body. Deputy Sigala did not see Suspect Lopez strike his face on the sidewalk, but it sounded like his face hit the concrete.

Once on the ground, Suspect Lopez resisted and kept his arms underneath his body. Deputy Song attempted to control Suspect Lopez's right arm and Deputy Sigala attempted to gain control of the suspect's left arm. Deputy Manriquez was near the suspects' head. Deputy Sigala heard Deputy Manriquez say Suspect Lopez tried to bite him.

Deputy Sigala overcame Suspect Lopez's resistance and pulled his left hand out from underneath his body and placed it behind his back. Deputy Song controlled Suspect Lopez's right hand, and placed it behind his back. The deputies were able to handcuff Suspect Lopez.

Suspect Lopez was hobbled without resistance.

Once Suspect Lopez was restrained, Deputy Sigala looked at his face. The injuries to Suspect Lopez's face appeared to be the same as they were upon his initial contact. There were no obvious new injuries as a result of forced used, seen by Deputy Sigala.

Following the incident, Deputy Sigala noticed the suspect's vehicle had significant frontend damage. He noticed the front passenger's side windshield was broken and the airbags had deployed.

Deputy Sigala reported his use of force and his observations to Sergeant Vanderhoeven. The incident was debriefed the following day in briefing. There was discussion about less lethal options. Deputy Sigala did not think the taser would have been effective during this incident because Suspect Lopez was wearing a thick sweatshirt.

Deputy Julian Manriquez

On March 11, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Manriquez at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 18, 2019, Deputy Manriquez worked a two-person car with his partner, Deputy Lombera. They worked PM shift at Altadena Sheriff's Station, as unit 72B. While on routine patrol, Deputy Manriquez heard emergent radio traffic from Unit 71, regarding a possible stolen vehicle.

Deputy Manriquez and his partner responded and arrived at the location in seconds. When they arrived, Deputy Manriquez stopped his patrol vehicle next to unit 71. Deputies Song and Sigala were parked along the south curb of Montana Street east of Raymond Avenue. Deputy Sigala told Deputy Manriquez that a male suspect (Suspect Lopez) walked eastbound Montana Street on the south sidewalk. Deputy Manriquez drove eastbound on Montana Street and saw Suspect Lopez. Deputy Manriquez exited his patrol vehicle and positioned himself on the south sidewalk in Suspect Lopez's path of travel.

Deputy Manriquez attempted to detain Suspect Lopez at gunpoint, but the suspect did not stop. Suspect Lopez continued to walk toward Deputy Manriquez. Deputy Manriquez noticed Suspect Lopez had blood dripping from his nose and mouth. Suspect Lopez said, "Fuck you. I didn't do shit!"

Deputy Song and Sigala arrived in seconds to help Deputy Manriquez detain Suspect Lopez. Deputy Sigala exited his patrol vehicle and ran toward Suspect Lopez. Deputy Sigala attempted to control Suspect Lopez's left arm with his hands. Suspect Sigala immediately pulled away from Deputy Sigala's grasp. The suspect stepped backward toward a chain link fence and "starts swinging." Suspect Lopez attempted to punch Deputy Sigala.

Deputy Manriquez closed the distance on Suspect Lopez and used his hands and body weight to control the suspect against a chain link fence. Deputies Manriquez and Sigala conducted a team takedown on Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez fell forward and "face plants in the concrete." Suspect Lopez landed in a prone position with his arms tucked underneath his waistband.

Deputy Manriquez remained near Suspect Lopez's head. Deputy Manriquez reached under Suspect Lopez and attempted to control his right hand. Simultaneously, Suspect Lopez attempted to bite Deputy Manriquez' hand and wrist. Suspect Lopez looked up at Deputy Manriquez and appeared to gather bloody saliva in his mouth. Deputy Manriquez feared Suspect Lopez was going to spit the bloody saliva toward him. Deputy Manriquez struck Suspect Lopez with an open palm strike on the left side of his face. Deputy Manriquez said the palm strike was effective because he was able to control Suspect Lopez's right hand and placed it behind his back. The deputies handcuffed Suspect Lopez and rolled him onto his right side so he could breathe. Deputy Manriquez looked at Suspect Lopez's face after he was handcuffed. Deputy Manriquez noticed Suspect Lopez's face was swollen around his left eye. Deputy Manriquez saw smeared blood on the suspect's face.

After the incident, Deputy Manriquez looked at the suspect's vehicle and noticed it had significant collision damage including a cracked windshield.

Deputy Manriquez said he did not witness any deputy use of force except the team takedown. Deputy Manriquez reported his use of force and observations to Sergeant Vanderhoeven.

WITNESSES

Sergeant Vincent Vanderhoeven

On March 11, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Sergeant Vanderhoeven in the briefing room at Altadena Sheriff's Station. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 18, 2019, Sergeant Vanderhoeven was assigned as the field sergeant at Altadena Sheriff's Station, as Unit 70S. Refer to P.M. In-Service **[Exhibit M]**. While at the station, Sergeant Vanderhoeven heard an assistance request over the duplex patch. Sergeant Vanderhoeven responded to the location. When he arrived, Deputy Sigala briefed him about the incident. Deputy Sigala said he witnessed a traffic collision involving Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez walked away from the traffic collision and did not comply with deputies' commands to stop. When deputy personnel contacted Suspect Lopez, he was assaultive and resisted their control techniques, which resulted in a team takedown.

Deputy Sigala said he and Deputy Song never initiated a traffic stop or pursued the vehicle occupied by Suspect Lopez.

While at the scene, Sergeant Vanderhoeven contacted Suspect Lopez, who was uncooperative. Suspect Lopez sat on the ground, after he was handcuffed. Sergeant Vanderhoeven checked Suspect Lopez and saw blood on his face near his nose.

Sergeant Vanderhoeven saw the suspect's vehicle damaged at the scene of the traffic collision. Sergeant Vanderhoeven said the suspect's vehicle had significant damage to the front passenger side. He saw the front airbags had deployed and the windshield was cracked.

Sergeant Vanderhoeven contacted a resident (Mr. [redacted], [redacted]) who provided him with surveillance footage from his home security surveillance system. Sergeant Vanderhoeven reviewed the video. The driver exited the crashed vehicle and fled northbound out of view. Suspect Lopez exited the front passenger door and walked southbound out of view.

The deputies who used force, and witnessed force, reported their actions and observations to Sergeant Vanderhoeven. The force included resisted control techniques, personal weapons, and a team takedown. Sergeant Vanderhoeven believed the majority of Suspect Lopez's injuries occurred during the airbag deployment

from the traffic collision. It is unknown if Suspect Lopez was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision.

Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station PM Shift Watch Commander Sergeant Blansfield interviewed Suspect Lopez at the hospital.

Sergeant Vanderhoeven debriefed the incident. He discussed controlled radio traffic and tactics.

Deputy Lizeth Lombera

On March 10, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Lombera at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 18, 2019, Deputy Lombera worked a two-person car with her partner, Deputy Julian Manriquez. They worked PM shift at Altadena Sheriff's Station, as unit 72B. While on routine patrol, Deputy Lombera heard Unit 71, Deputy Song, broadcast an assistance request over the duplex patch.

Deputy Song requested emergency assistance associated with a traffic collision and or a possible stolen vehicle. Deputies Lombera and Manriquez responded to the assistance request and arrived in seconds. Deputies Lombera and Manriquez were the first assisting unit to arrive at the scene.

When they arrived, Deputy Lombera saw Deputies Song and Sigala's patrol vehicle stopped on Montana Street east of Raymond Avenue. When they approached in their patrol vehicle, she heard Deputies Song and Sigala give the suspect (Suspect Lopez) verbal commands to stop. Suspect Lopez walked eastbound Montana Street on the south sidewalk away from them. The suspect was wearing dark baggy clothing.

Deputies Lombera, Manriquez, Song, and Sigala drove their patrol vehicles eastbound on Montana Street toward Suspect Lopez. They stopped their vehicles near Suspect Lopez. Deputies Lombera, Manriquez, Song, and Sigala exited their vehicles and attempted to detain Suspect Lopez at gunpoint. Deputy Lombera gave Suspect Lopez commands to stop and show his hands. Suspect Lopez stopped walking, but he did not remove his hands from the pocket of his sweatshirt. Deputy Lombera noticed Suspect Lopez was bleeding from his mouth and nose.

The deputies approached Suspect Lopez. Deputy Sigala approached the suspect from his left side and grabbed his left arm. Suspect Lopez pulled away and attempted to punch Deputy Sigala in the face twice with his right fist. Deputies Song and Manriquez closed their distance and grabbed Suspect Lopez.

The deputies struggled with Suspect Lopez while against a chain link fence. Deputies Song and Manriquez gave the suspect the command to "Stop, give me your hand."

Deputies Song and Manriquez fell down to the sidewalk with Suspect Lopez. When Suspect Lopez fell on the ground, he landed in a prone position with his hands tucked underneath his torso. Deputy Lombera remained in the street and scanned the area for possible threats. Once on the ground, Suspect Lopez resisted control holds and ignored commands to give up his hands. Suspect Lopez said, "Fuck you, fuck you!"

Deputies Song, Sigala, and Manriquez struggled to get Suspect Lopez's hands out from underneath his body to handcuff him. Deputy Lombera heard Deputy Manriquez say Suspect Lopez tried to bite him.

As the deputies struggled to take the suspect into custody, Deputies Lujan and Morales arrived at the location and helped control Suspect Lopez. Due to the multiple deputies around the suspect, Deputy Lombera's view from the street was blocked.

After several seconds, the deputies handcuffed Suspect Lopez and sat him on the sidewalk. As Suspect Lopez sat on the sidewalk, Deputy Lombera saw blood on the suspect's face. Deputy Lombera said the blood on the suspect's face appeared the same from her initial contact before any use of force.

Sergeant Vanderhoeven arrived at the location after the deputies handcuffed Suspect Lopez. Deputy Lombera reported the use of force she witnessed to Sergeant Vanderhoeven.

Members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department treated Suspect Lopez at the location. Suspect Lopez was transported to the hospital via ambulance.

Deputy Lombera canvassed the area for witnesses. She contacted a male Hispanic (Witness [redacted]) at his residence on the south side of Montana Street. Witness [redacted] said, "Oh I saw that guy swing at you guys. He's stupid." Deputy Lombera referred the witness to Sergeant Vanderhoeven. Sergeant Vanderhoeven video recorded his interview of Witness [redacted] **[Exhibit N]**.

Deputy Eliezer Morales

On March 10, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Morales at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 18, 2019, Deputy Morales worked a two-person car with his partner, Deputy Lujan, who was on training. They worked PM shift at Altadena Sheriff's Station, as unit 73A. While on routine patrol, Deputy Morales heard Unit 71, Deputies Song and Sigala, broadcast they were trying to apprehend hit-and-run suspect, or vehicle theft suspect.

Deputies Morales and Lujan responded and arrived in approximately two minutes. When they arrived, Deputy Morales heard and saw Deputies Song, Sigala, Manriquez,

and Lombera attempt to detain a male suspect (Suspect Lopez). Deputy Morales saw fresh blood on Suspect Lopez's nose and mouth.

Before they exited their vehicle, Deputy Morales saw Suspect Lopez attempt to punch Deputy Sigala twice. Deputy Morales ran to assist and saw Deputies Song, Sigala, and Manriquez conduct a team takedown of Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez landed in a prone position on the sidewalk with his hands tucked underneath his body. Suspect Lopez would not surrender his hands to the deputies. Deputy Morales did not see any deputy punch Suspect Lopez.

Once Suspect Lopez was on the ground, Deputies Morales and Lujan assisted by controlling his legs with their body weight and hands. While they controlled Suspect Lopez's legs, Deputy Morales was facing away from Deputies Song, Sigala, and Manriquez. During this time, Deputy Morales heard a deputy say Suspect Lopez attempted to bite him. Deputy Lujan applied the Ripp hobble around Suspect Lopez's ankles. Suspect Lopez did not resist Deputy Morales and Deputy Lujan while they controlled his legs and applied the hobble.

Deputy Morales reported his observations to Sergeant Vanderhoeven.

After Suspect Lopez was handcuffed, Deputy Morales heard him complain of pain to his face. Deputy Morales saw blood on Suspect Lopez's face. Fire Department personnel treated Suspect Lopez at the scene, and transported via ambulance to the hospital.

After the ambulance transported Suspect Lopez away, Deputy Morales checked the suspect's vehicle. He noticed the passenger side windshield was cracked. There was collision damage to the vehicle, but he could not recall if the vehicle's airbags deployed.

Pasadena Police Department arrived and conducted a traffic collision investigation.

Sergeant Vanderhoeven briefed the incident with deputy personnel the following day.

Deputy Jeremy Lujan

On March 11, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Lujan at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 18, 2019, Deputy Lujan worked a two-person car with his training officer, Deputy Morales. They worked PM shift at Altadena Sheriff's Station, as unit 73A. While on routine patrol, Deputy Lujan heard emergency radio traffic regarding a stolen vehicle suspect.

Deputies Lujan and Morales responded to the location, and arrived in approximately one minute. They arrived at the scene from the east.

When they arrived, Deputy Lujan saw deputies attempting to detain Suspect Lopez. He heard deputies give Suspect Lopez verbal commands to stop and remove his hands from his pockets. Suspect Lopez stood on the south sidewalk of Montana Street west of Summit Avenue.

Deputy Lujan exited his vehicle and walked toward the other deputies. He noticed suspect Lopez had blood on his face. Suspect Lopez lunged toward Deputy Sigala and attempted to punch him twice with his right fist.

After Suspect Lopez attempted to punch Deputy Sigala, Deputies Song, Manriguez and Sigala forced him to the ground. Suspect Lopez landed in a prone position with his hands underneath his body. Deputies Song, Sigala, and Manriquez attempted to control Suspect Lopez's torso as Deputies Lujan and Morales controlled the suspect legs with their body weight and hands.

As Deputy Lujan focused on Suspect Lopez's legs, he heard a deputy say the suspect tried to bite him. Deputy Lujan applied a Ripp hobble device around Suspect Lopez's ankles without resistance. Deputy Lujan did not see any deputy punch the suspect. After the deputies handcuffed and hobbled Suspect Lopez, Deputy Lujan looked at Suspect Lopez' face. Deputy Lujan did not see any new injuries on the suspect, but he saw blood on his face, which was present prior to the use of force.

Minutes after Suspect Lopez was handcuffed and hobbled, Deputies Morales and Lujan responded to another priority call.

The following day, involved personnel debriefed the incident. They discussed tactics and less lethal weapon options.

Deputy Lujan reported his actions and the force he witnessed to Sergeant Vanderhoeven.

Witness [redacted]

On December 18, 2019, Sergeant Vanderhoeven interviewed Witness [redacted] at the scene. The following is a summary of the interview.

Witness [redacted] resided [redacted] of the force incident. While standing on his driveway, Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Lopez exit the suspect vehicle. Suspect Lopez walked eastbound Montana Street away from deputies. The deputies gave Suspect Lopez several commands to stop. Suspect Lopez did not comply with their commands. When the deputies approached Suspect Lopez, he attempted to punch them. Witness [redacted] heard the deputies tell Suspect Lopez, "Stop, stop resisting, stop, stop, get your hands out of your pocket."

Witness [redacted] saw the deputies take Suspect Lopez to the ground. Witness [redacted] said his brother witnessed the incident, but was no longer at home.

IAB Note: **Witness [redacted]' brother was not identified at the scene. IAB investigators responded to Witness [redacted]' residence to request an interview with his brother, but no one answered the door. IAB investigators left a business card on the door requesting a call. IAB investigators sent a certified letter. See copy of certified letter receipt for Witness [redacted] [Miscellaneous Documents]. Neither Witness [redacted] nor his brother have not contacted IAB investigators.**

SUSPECT

Suspect Samuel Lopez (Interview #1- Sergeant Blansfield #[redacted])

On December 18, 2019, Altadena Sheriff's Station Watch Commander Sergeant Blansfield interviewed Suspect Lopez. The interview took place inside USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. Suspect Lopez said police officers hit his face while he was walking. Suspect Lopez declined to give any additional statements.

Suspect Samuel Lopez (Interview #2 - IAB Sergeants Jordan and Jones)

On December 19, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Suspect Lopez at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station jail. The following is a summary of the interview.

Suspect Lopez said he was on active parole ([redacted]) at the time of this incident. Suspect Lopez was [redacted] Suspect Lopez admitted he was a former member of the criminal street gang Villa Boys Pasadena.

Suspect Lopez said he smoked a marijuana cigarette earlier on the day of the incident, at approximately 1600 hours. Suspect Lopez said at approximately 1800 hours, a girl he met online contacted him on his cell phone. Suspect Lopez walked on Montana Street to meet the girl for dinner. Suspect Lopez said Montana Street was approximately seven blocks from his residence. As he walked, the police arrived and told him to get on the ground, but he had no idea why the police were there. Suspect Lopez put his hands in the air, but did not lie on the ground.

The police approached and put him on the ground and handcuffed him. When Suspect Lopez was handcuffed and laying on the ground, one of the police officers punched the left side of his face five times. Suspect Lopez did not know which deputy punched him. Suspect Lopez said he did not resist the police and was cooperative the entire time.

Suspect Lopez said the fire department personnel transported him to USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. The doctor told Suspect Lopez he had a broken left orbital and a broken nose. In addition, Suspect Lopez reported he had abrasions to his knees.

Suspect Samuel Lopez (Interview #3 – IAB Sergeant Jordan – Telephonic)

On March 27, 2020, IAB investigators telephonically interviewed Suspect Lopez. The following is a summary of the interview.

Suspect Lopez said he went to court on March 20, 2020, and pled guilty to resisting arrest and he was sentenced to 180 days in county jail and 30 days of community service. He served 90 days in county jail and was released for "time served."

On December 18, 2019, Suspect Lopez said he was in a car that was involved in a traffic collision. Suspect Lopez said the vehicle's airbags deployed after the collision and struck him in the face. Suspect Lopez said the airbags stunned him and caused him to forget certain things about the incident.

Suspect Lopez exited the crashed vehicle when it came to a stop. He walked across Montana Street to the south sidewalk. Seconds later, police arrived and contacted him. He described the police as "aggressive" toward him, even though he was not resistive in any way. Suspect Lopez said the police approached him and took him down to the ground for no reason. Suspect Lopez said the takedown occurred in the street and he landed on his stomach with his hands underneath him. Suspect Lopez said he did not strike his face on the ground during the takedown.

Suspect Lopez said he did not attempt to punch or bite any of the deputies.

Once on the ground, Suspect Lopez said he did not resist when he was handcuffed. While Suspect Lopez was prone and handcuffed, a deputy punched him four times in the face because was mad he resisted.

IAB Note: **There was a discrepancy in the number of times Suspect Lopez claimed the deputies punched his face. In the first IAB interview on the night of the incident, Suspect Lopez claimed the deputies punched him five times. During the second IAB interview, Suspect Lopez claimed the deputies punched him four times.**

Suspect Lopez was transported to the hospital to be treated. Suspect Lopez said no one took pictures of him.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IAB investigators attempted to interview the driver (Ms. [redacted]) of the vehicle involved in the traffic collision with the suspect vehicle (See certified letter receipt in Miscellaneous Documents). IAB investigators have not heard from Ms. [redacted].

IAB investigators attempted to interview the registered owner (Ms. [redacted]) of the suspect vehicle (See certified letter receipt in Miscellaneous Documents). IAB investigators have not heard from Ms. [redacted].

IAB investigators attempted to interview Mr. [redacted] and his brother (unknown identification) (see certified letter receipt in Miscellaneous Documents). IAB investigators have not heard from Mr. [redacted].